(c) The Government is not planning to take up these issues at the United Nations or the SAARC.

Indo-Iraq economic co-operation

†1945. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:
SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating to enhance economic cooperation between India and Iraq;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether dialogues have been held in this regard between the two countries; and

(d) if so, the decisions taken as a result of the said dialogues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Yes, It is proposed to enhance economic cooperation with Iraq through utilization of institutional mechanisms and by promoting increased contacts between the two sides through visits of Iraqi business delegations and businessmen and dissemination of related information and provision of humanitarian assistance.

(c) and (d) Yes. The two sides have decided to take steps to enhance bilateral economic cooperation.

Jammu-Sialkot bus route

1946. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to open the Jammu to Sialkot bus route in coming days; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (b) India had, in June 2004, during the Foreign Secretary level discussions, as a part of the Composite dialogue, proposed

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.